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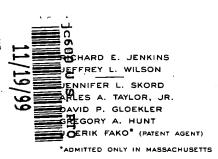
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- 2. Eighteen (18) sheets of formal drawings;
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